

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/940,526

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REMARKS

The Examiner has attached to the Office Action a signed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 A&B (modified) filed with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of August 29, 2001, and resubmitted on June 30, 2003. The Examiner has crossed out the reference listed thereon, i.e., JP 54-135004. In Paragraph No. 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that JP '004 has not been considered, stating that a copy of JP '004 was not provided.

Applicants respectfully submit that a copy of JP '004 was submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of August 29, 2001. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of August 29, 2001, and the PTO stamped filing receipt therefor, also indicate such submission. Further, as indicated in Applicants' Amendment of June 30, 2003, the specification of the present application provides a description of JP '004.

Accordingly, the submission of JP '004 is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a). The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider JP '004. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants herewith attach copies of Form PTO/SB/08 A&B (modified), Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of August 29, 2001, and the stamped filing receipt, and an additional copy of JP '004.

In the present Amendment, claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

No new matter has been added, and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested. Entry of the Amendment after final is proper, because the only amendments made in the Amendment are rewriting existing claims in independent form and canceling one claim.

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Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 6 and 8-20 will be all the claims pending in the application.

In Paragraph No. 8 of the Action, claims 1, 7-14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kawamura et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Applicants wish to point out that claim 7 was previously canceled. Applicants have in the present Amendment, canceled claim 1.

Kawamura et al merely describes that “a mixture of monomers, which are different from each other in the chain length of perfluoroalkyl groups” are used (column 6, lines 25-26). There is no specific description. The Examples of Kawamura et al do not disclose the use of a mixture of perfluoroalkyl groups having different chain lengths from each other. Further, Kawamura et al does not disclose or suggest the specific ratio and specific chain length as in the present invention.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Kawamura et al does not disclose, teach or suggest the present invention, and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In Paragraph No. 10 of the Action, claims 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim.

In response, Applicants have rewritten claims 19 and 20 in independent form. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner’s indication that claims 6, 15 and 16 are allowed. See Paragraph No. 13 of the Action.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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